

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed March 23, 2005 has been carefully reviewed. Reconsideration of this application, as amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested. The claims presented for examination are: claims 1-18.

Claim Objections

On page 2 of the Office Action, claim 11 was objected to because of the misspelling of the word - - front - -.

Applicant has amended claim 11 to correct the misspelling.

35 USC 102 Rejection

On page 2 of the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being clearly anticipated by the Davies reference (U.S. 5,717,487).

Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate all the limitations of allowable claim 2. Applicant believes that because amended claim 1 incorporates all the limitations of allowable claim 2, amended claim 1 overcomes the 35 USC 102 rejection and amended claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

On pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, claims 2-18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claim 1 is the single (only) independent claim in the application. All of the other claims depend from claim 1. Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate all the limitations of allowable claim 2. Applicant believes that because amended claim 1 incorporates all the limitations of allowable claim 2, amended claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Since claim 1 is the only independent claim in

the application and claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all the limitations of allowable claim 2, Applicant believes that claims 2-18 which depend from amended claim 1 are now in condition for allowance

Applicants believe that this amendment strictly complies with requirements in the Office Action mailed March 23, 2005; that all the rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed Office Action mailed March 23, 2005 have been overcome; and that the application is in condition for allowance.

SUMMARY

The undersigned respectfully submits that, in view of the foregoing amendments and the foregoing remarks, the rejections of the claims raised in the Office Action dated March 23, 2005 have been fully addressed and overcome, and the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered, that the claims be allowed, and that this case be passed to issue. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (925) 424-6897.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. E. Scott", is written over a horizontal line.

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